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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT: Threats to U-2 Aircraft

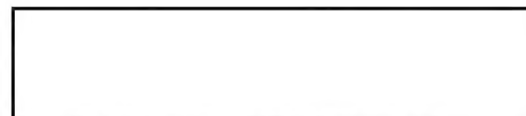
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1. Your request of 22 December, above subject, has been received and considered in light of our other commitments. We regret that we will be unable to fulfill your request at this time.

2. Our commitments preclude undertaking these studies to provide background information of uncertain utility. We recognize our responsibility to support OSA and are prepared to adjust our work load to fulfill priority requests whenever feasible. Therefore, we will continue to assist you in providing air defense analyses of specific geographic areas when, in your opinion, operational planning requires such support. However, we are unable to provide background area studies for general contingencies which may not materialize, particularly when such studies would become out of date and require revision prior to operational use. We believe that we can prepare a required analysis for the areas of your 22 December request if given two-three weeks notice of their imminent need.



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